



# SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

September 2023 Newsletter

## CLOSED for Labor Day

A reminder we will be **CLOSED Monday, September 4** in observance of Labor Day.



## Brightwheel Update

The use of our new Child Care Management software program, Brightwheel, is coming along and going well! Parents, thank you for your patience as we all learn this new program together. We will be expanding on our use of Brightwheel's features in the coming months, which will include updating immunizations on this platform and uploading copies of child enrollment paperwork.



## Goodbye Pre-K Graduates

The month of September always invokes in our staff a sense of sadness, as the last of our Kindergarten-bound Pre-K students leave our program. Thankfully some leave

behind siblings who still attend our program, making it easy for us to keep in touch and see our graduates from time to time. Some of these graduates are the last of a long-time Sarah Corson Center family, taking a piece of our hearts with them as they leave our doors.

Parents of all graduates, please, please bring them back to visit us! We wish them well, we will miss them, and we love them!



—Jaime Snider, director

# 37 years and counting

By PAULETTE AVERY

Next weekend you'll find Josie Metz leading a crew tidying up the church nursery as we prepare for fall programs. And a couple of weeks after that she begins leading a 10-week class in *Women of the Bible*. And besides all of that, she works with folks in Parish Five for the Board of Deacons.

It's all part of a busy life of service and sharing.

Josie began life in Minnesota in a town near St. Paul. She was one of nine children in a Catholic family, five boys and four girls. Her first job, at age 15, was living with and caring for a family during the week, returning home on weekends. She also worked at a nursing home.

## Lessons from *Women in the Bible*

Our fall evening class is a 10-week study on *Women of the Bible*. Josie Metz will lead the 7 p.m. Thursday class beginning September 28. It will be in-person in the Fireside Room, and if there's enough interest it will also be offered at the same time [on Zoom](#).

There's a workbook by well-known author Max Lucado which will lead you to the scripture on some familiar women in the Bible such as Sarah and Mary, Jesus' mother.

You'll also meet some women many of us have forgotten about. One is Sapphira, who in Acts 5 dies after not being forthcoming about a property sale which was to be shared with the church. It's a lesson which spread quickly amongst believers.

As Lucado notes, one-by-one these 10 women changed the world.

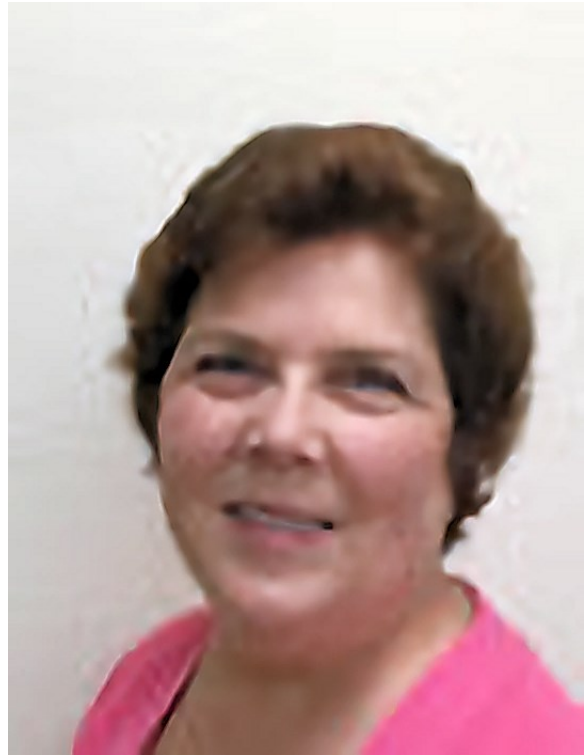
Please sign up for the class on the sheet in the Narthex so we can order enough workbooks.

After she finished high school, her family moved to a small town nearby and Josie chose to go to California to live with one of her sisters. When she returned home, she began working for a dentist and along with assisting him with patients, she did the bookkeeping. After she got married, she worked for another dentist as well as at a fabric store until her twin girls were born, the first two of her four daughters.

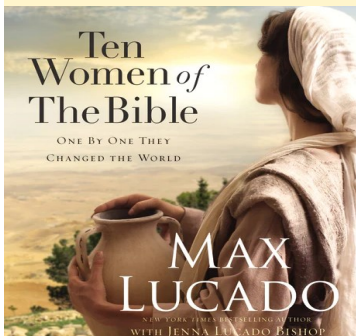
Josie and her husband moved to the Medford area 39 years ago. Here most of her career was in banking, including working at a bank in the Rogue Valley Manor.

Josie's husband was a protestant who alternated between Presbyterian and Lutheran churches. Rather than raise their children in one church or the other they went back and forth between a Catholic church and a protestant one. But after they began attending our church 37 years ago, they chose to join. Josie has been an active member ever since, serving on the Session for a total of nine years as well as being a deacon, a member of the Christian Ed and Finance committees. She was also one of the founding members of the former Wednesday Night Live youth program that ended shortly before the pandemic.

Josie has been a Mary Kay consultant for 16 years. She likes that Mary Kay's values match her own: God first, family second, and career third. She used her sewing skills to make wedding gowns for two of her daughters as well as the bridesmaids dresses for one. She loves to spend time in her garden or caring for her many house plants.



Josie Metz



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